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Issue Date.: March 8, 2005 )  
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 254, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, this is a request for a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent. The mistakes identified in the appended Form occurred through the fault of the Patent Office, as clearly disclosed by the records of the application which matured into this patent.

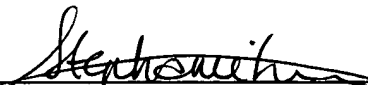
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It is hereby certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim 7, column 33, line 56, "perchioric" should read --perchloric--.  
In claim 12, column 34, line 34, before "The method", delete "A".  
In claim 14, column 34, line 55, "beuzene," should read --benzene,--.  
In claim 21, column 36, line 5, after "optically", delete "aetwe".  
In claim 22, column 36, line 10, "claim 20." should read --claim 1.--.

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